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Office Action Summary

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Applicant(s)

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Examiner

Mishawn N. Dunn

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Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 31 March 2006.
- 2a) ☐ This action is FINAL. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-20 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1-20 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☒ The drawing(s) filed on 31 August 2001 is/are: a) ☒ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).
- * See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

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DETAILED ACTION

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 103

1. The following is a quotation of 35 U.S.C. 103(a) which forms the basis for all obviousness rejections set forth in this Office action:

(a) A patent may not be obtained though the invention is not identically disclosed or described as set forth in section 102 of this title, if the differences between the subject matter sought to be patented and the prior art are such that the subject matter as a whole would have been obvious at the time the invention was made to a person having ordinary skill in the art to which said subject matter pertains. Patentability shall not be negated by the manner in which the invention was made.

2. Claims 1-20 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Applicant's admitted prior art in view of Citta et al. (US Pat. No. 5,602,595) in further view of Zdepski (US Pat. No. 5,565,923).
3. Applicant's admitted prior art on pages 2-14 of the Specification, discloses the same digital video recorder capable of playing back a recorded program stream as specified in claims 1-20 of the present invention, the digital video recorder comprising a video processor capable of receiving an incoming program stream and converting said incoming program stream to a baseband signal capable of being displayed on a television associated with the digital video recorder; a storage disk; and a controller that multiplexes packetized elementary streams into a multiplexed program stream, the packetized elementary streams comprising PES packets of disparate size, the controller operable to receive the PES packets into a memory buffer, having a header and a payload, each header defines at least one of stream type, timing information and picture information, and associate and store ones of the at least one fixed-size program packets into the multiplexed program stream in the storage disk; and the fixed size of at least one fixed-size program packets is a multiple of a sector size of the storage disk.

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The admitted prior art does not describe reformatting PES packets of disparate size into fixed-size program packets. However, Citta et al. discloses reformatting each of the received PES packets into at least one fixed-size program packet having a header and a payload (col. 1, lines 18-22; col. 2, lines 50-52).

Neither the admitted prior art, nor Citta et al. teach the header defining a payload content. However, Zdepski discloses teach the header defining a payload content (col. 5, lines 45-51).

Therefore, it would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art at the time the invention was made, to reformat the PES packets into fixed length packets having a having a header and a payload, said header defining a payload, in order to transmit the data more efficiently.

Conclusion

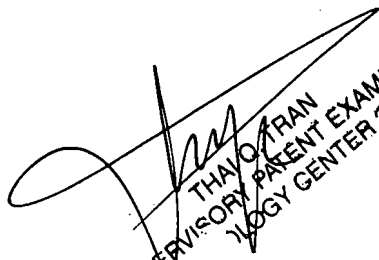
Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Mishawn N. Dunn whose telephone number is 571-272-7635. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday - Friday 7:30 AM to 5:00 PM.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Thai Tran can be reached on 571-272-7382. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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